

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM

President Cheriyan stated that notice of this meeting held via Zoom was posted on the Bergenfield Website, sent by e-mail to the Record and Cablevision. It was placed on two bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and placed on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.

ROLL CALL

- Dr. Cheriyan
- Mrs. Pfannen
- Mr. Cabuhat-Absent
- Dr. Quiroz
- Mrs. Marte-Absent

Also present Mr. Fedorko, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Kayla Williams and Ms. August.

OPEN HEARING

There being no one present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried the time for Open Hearings was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Quiroz seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 2022 be accepted as written.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Mrs. Williams stated that on behalf of President Cheriyan, Purchase Orders have been signed by Mrs. Williams and submitted. A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Mid-Bergen Regional	\$20,250.00
Tyco	2,916.66
Scott Graphics	305.00
CLIA Laboratory	180.00
NJ Local Board of Health	95.00
North Jersey Media Group	13.50

REPORTS

Legal and Finance

No Report

Medical

Dr. Quiroz reported on omicron variant BA.2. Dr. Quiroz stated that this variant is milder but similar to normal cold symptoms. Dr. Quiroz stated that the symptoms should not be ignored and people should continue to get tested for COVID-19.

Personnel

Vice-President Pfannen reported that the new part-time nurse recently hired has resigned effective Friday, April 8th. Vice-President Pfannen stated that they will be advertising for a new nurse. Ms. August stated that we can utilize our per-diem-nurses until a new nurse is hired.

Publicity

The Board of Health meeting was advertised on the Bergenfield Website, The Record and Cablevision.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

No Report

Legislature & Regulatory

No Report

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Fedorko reported on the COVID-19 Activity Level in our area. At the last Board of Health meeting, Mr. Fedorko asked the Board of Health if Bergenfield could assist with families from other towns that need vaccines for their children due to shortage of nurses in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Fedorko thanked the Board and stated that our services were not needed at this time since Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission is currently processing an agreement with two other towns but would appreciate our assistance if needed in the future.

Mr. Fedorko spoke on the U.S. Life Expectancy Declines. Mr. Fedorko stated that CDC data shows U.S. life expectancy dropped from 78.8 years in 2019 to 77 years in 2020. Mr. Fedorko will present life expectancy data for Bergenfield at the next Board of Health meeting.

A conversation took place regarding the various Omicron variants and the severity of each one.

Ms. August stated that she is happy to be back at work. Ms. August reported that the Mayors Wellness Campaign is her focus at the moment and is happy to have an intern for Public Health, Beverly Morgan helping with the program. The Mayors Wellness Campaign is a statewide community health initiative that provides evidence-based tools and strategies for mayors to help residents achieve healthier lifestyles and to improve overall health and wellness in their communities. Ms. August is in the process of setting up EventBrite; a site where residents can pre-register and statistics are kept to designate Bergenfield as a Healthy Town. Ms. August stated that the Kick-off is scheduled for April 24th, 2-4pm at Conlon Hall. Approximately 20 nurses from New Jersey University will be at the kick-off to assist in wherever they are needed. The eight-week program consists of but not limited to Health Education, weigh-in and blood pressure weekly at the Health Department, Zumba, Line Dancing, Walk with the Mayor, Yoga and Taekwondo classes for all ages. The goal is to assist residents to make healthy choices in nutrition, mental health and physical activities.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the written March 2022 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter of resignation was sent from Christine Flanagan to the Board of Health and to Mr. Gallo, Borough Administrator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Budget 2022

Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

“No new business”

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Williams also reported that the 2nd installment of the money allocated to Bergenfield in the amount of \$3,211.50 was received. The money is from the grant awarded to Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission from the State to help local health departments for costs incurred throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mrs. Williams reported that the house fire that took place in town earlier that day unfortunately was the home of our employee AnneMarie. The Board asked to be kept updated and let them know if there's anything they can do.

President Cheriyan asked on the status of the new Borough Hall building. Mrs. Williams responded that the staff met with the architect yesterday to finalize the layout of the Health Department and we were told that the building is expected to be completed by August/September of 2023 if everything goes according to plan.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics